

**ABSTRACT**

A drinking cup identification system comprises a set of a plurality of drinking cups, particularly children's spill-proof drinking cups, each of the drinking cups being provided with a unique identifying indicia selected from a sequential pattern of indicia. The use of the sequential pattern of indicia enables the user to plainly identify each of the drinking cups and to easily monitor and visually track the set of drinking cups to determine whether any of the drinking cups is missing from the set. The unique identifying indicia can be any indicia which can be classified into a sequential pattern, including a series of numbers, alphabet letters and the like. The unique identifying indicia can be adhesively applied to each drinking cup, such as by labels, or can be machine molded, etchingly inscribed or printed onto each drinking cup.